

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
FOR CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN LOCAL BOARD
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

A public meeting of the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board for the Arizona Department of Corrections was convened **Thursday, February 7, 2013 10:00 a.m.** at 1831 W Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Present at the meeting were the following individuals:

Carson McWilliams, Board Member – Acting Chair
Staci Fay, Board Member
Jeffrey Potter, Board Secretary

Paul Turley, Board Member
Pamela Linnins, Asst. Attorney General
Mary Turner, Pension Benefit Coordinator

Michael Smarik, Board Chair - Absent
George Herman, Board Member - Absent

Keri Blasé – Member (left meeting at 10:45 am)
Alvin Blasé - Guest (left meeting at 10:45 am)

I. CALL TO ORDER – Called to order the Local CORP Board meeting by **Acting Chair, Carson McWilliams** at **10:02 a.m., Thursday, February 7, 2013.**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

MOTION 02-13-01	
Motion:	Approval of Public and Executive Session Minutes from January 3, 2013
Moved by:	Paul Turley
Seconded by:	Staci Fay
Discussion:	No additions, corrections, or deletions.
In Favor:	Unanimous
Motion:	Passed

III. DISABILITY RETIREMENTS –

Call for Executive Session at 10:17 am

Return from Executive Session at 10:40 am

- a. **PSPRS, requirements for disabilities.** The Board reviewed the new form that is part of the disability forms. The Board determined that the new form does not follow statute and informed Mary Turner to use the old form because it follows the statutes.
- b. **Daniel Hernandez (Ordinary)** IME has been approved and Mary Turner is working with the member and doctor's office to schedule an appointment.
- c. **Stephen Nettles** – IME has been approved and Mary Turner is working with the member and doctor's office to schedule an appointment.
- d. **Richard J. Wink (Ordinary)** – IME scheduled February 14, 2013.

- e. **Colen A. Young (Accidental)** – Mr. Young attended the Board meeting on December 6, 2012 to present his case for disability. The Board denied the disability based on the medical documentation originally presented. At the meeting the Board Chair explained to Mr. Young his rights to appeal the decision. In addition, The Board request that obtain the missing medical documentation in order for the Board to review. A certified letter was sent to the member, which went unclaimed and was returned. Mary Turner stated that the 60 day time limit for appeals has now expired.

The Board informed Mary Turner to complete the current form and change “unknown” to “no”.

MOTION 02-13-02	
Motion:	Deny appeal due to time frame and lack of new medical documentation.
Moved by:	Paul Turley
Seconded by:	Staci Fay
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous
Motion:	Passed

f. **Keri Blasé (Ordinary)**

Ms. Blasé requested a rehearing based on the condition of Bi-Polar. The Board reviewed the rehearing request to determine if the member provided additional documentation and/or explanation to why the Board needed to review their denial decision. Keri Blasé spoke and stated that she had seen a doctor and it was determined that Bi-Polar is not the reason for the disability but panic attacks is now the correct diagnosis.

Alvin Blasé addressed the Board, he stated that they had seen a lawyer and their lawyer stated that the Board did not follow the statutes. Mr. Blasé stated that the Board must send the member to an independent medical exam.

The Board explained to Mr. Blasé that an IME is required to determine if a member is disabled. The Board first request medical document for the Board to review, if the Board determines that an IME is required, the Board would notify the member and schedule an IME. Paul Turley stated that there is no mention of panic attacks causing disability in the medical documentation provided.

MOTION 02-13-03	
Motion:	Deny application for disability based on the paperwork provided and lack of medical proof of disability due to of panic attacks. The Board is bound by statutes that state an ordinary disability was have occurred after September 26, 2008, which documentation provided notes the condition had occurred prior to that date.
Moved by:	Paul Turley

Seconded by:	Staci Fay
Discussion:	Alvin Blasé stated that the letter requesting a rehearing was written before the medical examination that listed panic attacks as the issue. C. McWilliams stated that the member needed to apply should have applied using panic disorder.
In Favor:	Unanimous
Motion:	Passed

IV. NORMAL RETIREMENTS –

The following applications have been filed and are presented for Local Board consideration:
The Board has received all retirement documentation from all applicants.

a. February 2013

- 1. Hector A Acuna**
- 2. Richard A Holland Jr.**
- 3. Henry Pizano**
- 4. Benjamin Soto**
- 5. Floyd W Woods**

b. March 2013

- 1. Martha S Bastidas**
- 2. Rick H. Jones**
- 3. Samuel K. Keomaka**

c. April 2013

- 1. Dwain A Bussey**
- 2. George M Janssen**
- 3. Antonette Lee**
- 4. Angel M Santiago-Diaz**
- 5. Arturo G Vasquez**

MOTION 02-13-04	
Motion:	Approve retirements for IV a,b,c
Moved by:	Paul Turley
Seconded by:	Staci Fay
Discussion:	Mary Turner stated that the Board is in possession of all documentations
In Favor:	Unanimous
Motion:	Passed

V. SURVIVOR BENEFITS – The following applications have been filed and are presented for Local Board consideration:

- a. Antonio Baca (Anita)**
- b. Rudy P Bell (Yesmin)**
- c. John Borquez (Elli)**

- d. Sara Nugent (John)
- e. Abraham Rodriguez (Ashley)
- f. Thomas Terrell (Erlinda)
- g. Tara L. Williams (Robin)

MOTION 02-13-05	
Motion:	Approved Survivor Benefits for V. a. thru g.
Moved by:	Paul Turley
Seconded by:	Staci Fay
Discussion:	Mary Turner reported the Board is in receipt of all documentation
In Favor:	Unanimous
Motion:	Passed

VI. DEATH BENEFITS - –The following applications have been filed and are presented for Local Board consideration:

- a. None

VII. REQUEST TO REMAIN IN ASRS/CORP –

The following application has been filed and presented to the Local Board consideration:

a. Kim Phalen-Evan – request to remain in ASRS

Has over 20 years in ASRS. Accepted positions as a Correctional Education Program teacher. Verify ASRS start date 9/2/1990.

b. Eugena F. Garland – request to remain in CORP

Has over 16 years of CORP service. Moving from a Correctional Education Program Supervisor to Correctional Education Program Specialist.

MOTION 02-13-06	
Motion:	Approve request to remain in VII a. to remain in ASRS and VII b. to remain in CORP
Moved by:	Staci Fay
Seconded by:	Paul Turley
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous
Motion:	Passed

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION –

- a. Berry Larson - Return to Work
- b. Frederick Valisto – Return to Work

MOTION 02-13-07	
Motion:	Approve return to work for VIII a. and b..
Moved by:	Staci Fay

Seconded by:	Paul Turley
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous
Motion:	Passed

c. Marketing Specialist – AUN 04342/21

MOTION 02-13-08	
Motion:	Approve the Market Specialist Position to be in ASRS
Moved by:	Staci Fay
Seconded by:	Paul Turley
Discussion:	None
In Favor:	Unanimous
Motion:	Passed

Call for Executive Session at 11:01 am
Return from Executive Session at 11:48 am

IX. CALL TO PUBLIC – None

Meeting adjourned at **11:51 am**

Transcribed this 8th day of February 2013.

Jeffrey G. Potter, Local Board Secretary